



## Testimony to the Human Services Committee

Submitted in support of

**House Bill 6550, An Act Concerning Medicaid Provider Audits**

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The Connecticut Association of Adult Day Centers (CAADC), an organization of 50 adult day centers from across the state of Connecticut, respectfully submits the following testimony in strong support of **HB 6550, An Act Concerning Medicaid Provider Audits** and offers the Committee our assistance as you consider this bill.

As Connecticut Home Care Program and Medicaid providers, adult day centers provide a wonderful community based service to older adults. Adult day centers provide a full day of medical and social services to clients on the Connecticut Home Care Program, including door to door transportation, for just \$70.92 a day for the full medical model.

CAADC members understand, accept and support the need to protect the integrity of the state funded and waiver home care programs through state audits, but we urge the Legislature to implement this bill which will bring a level of fairness and balance to that audit process.

While we agree that there is a place for the use of various audit methods, it has been our members' experience that the practice of extrapolation has been exploited and has left providers with no alternative but to seek settlements on their own or to hire costly legal assistance to fight the unjustified extrapolated results. This can be an extremely time consuming and expensive exercise for adult day center providers and the result is almost always a reduction in the extrapolated amount because it was unjustly inflated initially.

We also support the implementation of protections from unjust extrapolation and would strongly support the imposition of minimum standards so that findings under a certain amount are not held subject to the extrapolation provisions. One of our members experienced a situation where a finding of less than \$100 resulted in an extrapolation and remittance of close to \$10,000. Another member had two findings totaling less than \$100 which resulted in an extrapolation and remittance of over \$36,000. These findings seem overly punitive for the situations and these members are not alone.

In conclusion, CAADC would like to thank the Committee for raising this bill which would bring a level of fairness and, transparency to the audit and oversight process and again offer the Committee our assistance as you consider this bill.

Thank you for your consideration of this testimony.

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